

SUBJECT: 1. Hans, Gernot HERRMANN  
2. MENDEL, fnu

SOURCE: Dr H

6 Feb 1961 Carl received a letter from Dr H dtd 4 Feb 1961 informing him that DrH's efforts on developing HERRMANN and MENDEL as candidates for making a trip to Ukraine failed.

1. HERRMANN is working now on his thesis and as soon as he finishes his studies, is going to pick up a job because of very bad financial conditions of his parents. He simply cannot afford to go anywhere before he gets a job and earns some money. His address in 1960 was Bad-Homburg, Promenade 47. He is 25, German, studies Polish, speaks Russian too, 1954-55 studied linguistics in Wroclau, Poland, came to Germany as German national in 1955.

2. MENDEL, fnu, turned out to be a suspected security-case. He was known to Dr from 1957 when he gave him some material for Dr's vocabulary of prison-and concentration camp-jargon in the Soviet Union. M. served with German Army and stayed for some time in Siberia, together with Ukrainians -political prisoners-from Tarnopol and Lviv-oblasts. In concentration camp M. learned Ukrainian and was rather fluent in it. He arrived in Germany in 1956 or 1957 and began to study economics, and Russian. He also visited DR H's seminars on Ukrainian. According to a colleague of Dr H (a dozent), M. left in 1960 dormitory and moved to a private house. Still when in dormitory in Frankfurt he behaved lately very suspiciously, made provocative remarks, seemed to be rather leftist, and lived immorally. In 1960 German police made some enquires about him under pretext of a fraud but a/m Dozent thought the real reason they after was political. To this effect Dr H told the Dozent that M. borrowed a book from him and did not return it.

3. Dr H was asked by Carl to continue his efforts among the students and eventually inspire them to participate in Shewchenko's anniversary celebrations in Ukraine in 1961.

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